

Kansas State High School Activities Association



Minutes

Note: Minutes are subject to approval by the Board at its next meeting.

**Executive Board Meeting
KSHSAA Board Room
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Thursday, June 15, 2017**

The Executive Board met in the office of the Kansas State High School Activities Association on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14-15, 2017, with the following in attendance: President Juan Perez, Kathy Busch, Mike Crouch, Tom Flax, Annette Gonzales, Britton Hart, Terry Ostmeyer, Rudy Perez, Rod Wittmer and Gary Musselman, Executive Director. Assistant Executive Directors Cheryl Gleason, David Cherry, Francine Martin, Mark Lentz and Jeremy Holaday were also present. Executive Board member Kathy Busch was absent on Wednesday due to the State Board of Education meeting. Assistant Executive Director Craig Manteuffel was absent both days.

NOTE: Per Bylaw Article V, Sec. 4, new Executive Board members elected at the April Board of Directors meeting, shall attend the June Executive Board meeting as observers and for orientation. Shane Backhus, Gary Brockus, Bob Diepenbrock and Pam McComas were present as new members observing the meeting. President Juan Perez participated with Mr. Musselman in an orientation session with new members.

The Minutes of the April 27-28, 2017 meeting were approved.

NOTE: In the following listing, middle/junior high schools are indicated in all capital letters.

QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES/ DIRECTORS RULE 10

The following were approved under Rule 10-1-2 (Supervised)

- (1) Leslie Weston, BAXTER SPRINGS MS
Cheerleader
- (2) Laurie Winkleman, Chase HS
Volleyball
- (3) Victoria Selzer, Coldwater-South Central HS
Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball
- (4) Andrea Davis, COLUMBUS-CENTRAL MS
Cheerleader
- (5) Pam Mitchell, Concordia HS
Cheerleader
- (6) Kyle Moore, Douglass HS
Girls Basketball
- (7) Brady Nordstedt, GRIDLEY-SOUTHERN COFFEY CO. JH
Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball
- (8) Jeremy Hurla, GRIDLEY-SOUTHERN COFFEY CO. JH
Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball
- (9) Amy Birk, GRIDLEY-SOUTHERN COFFEY CO. JH
Volleyball
- (10) Bill Hendrix, Highland-Doniphan West HS
Baseball
- (11) Kelli Rodgers, Highland-Doniphan West HS
Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball
- (12) Jeff Spiker, Highland-Doniphan West HS
Baseball
- (13) Lauren Eggen, Highland-Doniphan West HS
Volleyball
- (14) Gina Clevenger, Highland-Doniphan West HS
Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country,
Girls Track & Field, Boys Track & Field

- (15) Karen Wilson, Highland-Doniphan West HS
Cheerleader, Dance Team
- (16) Ben Leatherman, Highland-Doniphan West HS
Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball
- (17) Isreal Hagerman, LARNED MS
Football 11-Man, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball,
Girls Track & Field, Boys Track & Field
- (18) Jason Harred, Leroy-Southern Coffey County HS
Football 8-Man
- (19) Lincoln Benson, Manhattan HS
Football 11-Man
- (20) Nick Rempe, MCPHERSON MS
Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country
- (21) Florence Odom, Mulvane HS
Cheerleader
- (22) Shelby Mahlandt, Mulvane HS
Cheerleader
- (23) Jamie Moses, MULVANE MS
Cheerleader
- (24) Alyssa Hopkins, OSKALOOSA JH
Cheerleader
- (25) Megan Gudde, OSWEGO JH
Cheerleader
- (26) Hadyn Herlocker, Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest HS
Girls Basketball
- (27) Kelli Stallbaumer, Sabetha HS
Cheerleader
- (28) Audrey Baker, Scott Community HS
Volleyball
- (29) Deena Sharpe, Scott Community HS
Cheerleader
- (30) Alex Gentges, Spring Hill HS
Girls Track & Field, Boys Track & Field
- (31) Samantha Tharp, Udall HS
Dance Team
- (32) Abby Hoffman, UDALL MS
Volleyball

The following were approved under Rule 10-1-2 (Un-supervised)

- (1) Justin Duncan, Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail HS
Football 11-Man
- (2) Rujelio Macias, Coldwater-South Central HS
Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball
- (3) Mark Fenton, HOLTON-JACKSON HEIGHTS JH
Girls Basketball
- (4) Todd Griffin, Leroy-Southern Coffey County HS
Football 8-Man
- (5) Gwen McBrien, Oswego HS
Cheerleader
- (6) Erin Kenney, PHILLIPSBURG MS
Volleyball
- (7) Lyndal Wilkey, Udall HS
Football 8-Man
- (8) Blake Gordon, Wichita-Southeast HS
Football 11-Man, Girls Track & Field, Boys Track & Field

TRANSFER RULE 18

(Possible Limited Eligibility)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-6

- (1) Sara Domann, Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy
Formerly attended Winchester-Jefferson County North HS
Non-Varsity: Girls Track & Field, Girls Cross Country
- (2) Carson Powelson, Garnett-Anderson County HS
Formerly attended Wellsville HS
Non-Varsity: Boys Golf, Boys Basketball

TRANSFER RULE 18

(Foreign Exchange Students)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-2

- (1) Michelle Schuster, Shawnee-Mill Valley HS
Ayusa International

TRANSFER RULE 18

(Hardship)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-13

- (1) Haden Craig, Argonia HS
Formerly attended TX - Frisco HS
- (2) Christopher Cox, Hoxie HS
Formerly attended Oakley HS
- (3) Kassidie Womack, Lawrence-Free State HS
Formerly attended MO - North Kansas City HS

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RULE 29

The following were approved under Rule 29-2-1, 29-3-1 (schools may be combined for interschool activities . . . for the activities listed, with the identification of the combined team, classification where appropriate and the school responsible for administering the activity in parenthesis):

Rule 29-2-1

Logan/Palco High Schools
Football (8-man)
{Logan/Palco, Class 8-man, 2018-19 & 2019-20}
McLouth/Oskaloosa High Schools
Girls & Boys Cross Country
{McLouth, Class TBD, 2017-18 & 2018-19}

Rule 29-3-1

Hope/White City Jr. High Schools
Girls & Boys Basketball, Football (8-man),
Volleyball – 2017-18
Logan/Palco Jr. High Schools
Football (8-man) – 2017-18
McLouth/Oskaloosa Middle Schools
Girls & Boys Cross Country – 2017-18
Sabetha/Wetmore Middle Schools
Football (11-man) – 2017-18
South Haven/Caldwell Jr. High Schools
Football (8-man) – 2017-18
South Haven/Wellington Christian Academy Jr. High Schools
Girls & Boys Basketball, Girls & Boys Track & Field,
Volleyball – 2017-18

APPROVED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

* = Speech, LD Debate National Qualifiers Only

Athletic

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Sport</u>
9/28-9/29/17	Go 4 the Goal Fall Classic	Notre Dame HS, Burlington IA	Soccer
12/15-12/16/17	Hy-Vee Shootout	St. Teresa's Academy, Kansas City MO	BB

Non-Athletic

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Sport</u>
9/11-9/13/17	Kansas State Fair Marching Band Program	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson KS	Music
9/12/17	Kansas State Fair Spirit Showcase	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson KS	Spirit
9/12/17	Kansas State Fair Debate Demonstration	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson KS	Debate
9/14/17	Kansas State Fair Forensics Showcase	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson KS	Speech
10/10/17	Mound of Sound Marching Festival	Southwestern College, Winfield KS	Music

PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present seeking to address the Executive Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES

The Executive Board heard reports from the Executive Director and administrative staff regarding the status of programs and services of the Association. Staff reported on the conclusion of the spring activities season. The Executive Director gave a financial report.

BUDGET HEARING AUTHORIZED

The Executive Board authorized a budget hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in the office of the KSHSAA. The Association budget for the 2017-18 school year will be finalized at that time. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER APPOINTED

To ensure the KSHSAA remains in compliance with the Kansas Open Records Law, the Executive Board voted to designate the Executive Director or his designee, as the "Freedom of Information Officer." Additionally, the Executive Director or his designee will serve as the "Custodian of the Records" for purposes of the Open Records Law.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE MEMBERS SELECTED

Bob Jackson, Logan, and Tamie Preston, Dodge City, were appointed to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. They will replace Ardith Dunn, Satanta, and Allaire Homburg, Bird City, who have completed four-year terms on the committee. Dale Cushinberry, Topeka was appointed to serve as chair of the committee for 2017-18.

GYMNASTICS CLINIC TO BE HELD

Assistant Executive Director Chery Gleason reported to the Board on a girl's gymnastics clinic being developed in combination with the Olathe school district. The clinic, intended for both coaches, judges and those interested in becoming a judge, will be conducted on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Olathe South High School.

APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Executive Board voted to appoint Elizabeth Young of Topeka to serve a two-year term on the KSHSAA Financial Advisory Committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD POLICY EVALUATIONS

The existing policies for the following categories were evaluated:

- A. Awards
- B. Ticket Prices
- C. Expenses Allowed Host Sites
- D. Items for Sales or Rent
- E. Rule Books
- F. Entry Fees
- G. Membership Dues and Penalties
- H. Fees Paid Officials, Interpreters, Judges, Adjudicators and Staff Members

The following changes were made:

1. Awards

Bowling

Present team and individual winner's medals with ribbons at both boys and girls state tournaments.

Golf (Sand Greens)

Remove trophies and medals for regional tournaments as these will no longer be conducted.

Gameday Cheer

Add trophies and medals for new cheerleading "Gameday" Showcase competition.

2. Ticket Prices

Baseball

Regional

K-Grade 12 - \$5 (formerly \$4)

Adult - \$6 (formerly \$5)

Bowling

Regional

K-Grade 12 - \$5 (formerly \$4)

Adult - \$6 (formerly \$5)

Soccer

Regional

K-Grade 12 - \$5 (formerly \$4)

Adult - \$6 (formerly \$5)

Softball

Regional

K-Grade 12 - \$5 (formerly \$4)

Adult - \$6 (formerly \$5)

Track & Field

Regional

K-Grade 12 - \$5 (formerly \$4)

Adult - \$6 (formerly \$5)

3. Expenses Allowed for Host Sites

Tennis

State \$200 & 15% of entry fees (formerly \$150)

4. Items for Sale

Labels/Electronic List Prices

Full Set of Labels

Member - \$30 (formerly \$25)

Non-member - \$50 (formerly \$40)

Partial Set of Labels

Member - \$20 (formerly \$15)

Non-member - \$30 (formerly \$20)

Set of Official's Labels

Basketball

Member - \$40 (formerly \$35)

Non-member - \$50 (formerly \$45)

Baseball, Softball, Wrestling

Member - \$30 (formerly \$25)

Non-member - \$40 (formerly \$35)

5. Entry Fees

Cross Country – Girls & Boys

– *Changes approved in January 2017*

State Participation Fee

\$8 per student (formerly \$6)

State Team Participation Fee

\$50 per team (formerly varied)

Swimming & Diving – Girls & Boys

State Relay Participation Fee

\$25 (formerly \$20)

6. Membership Dues & Penalties

Membership Fees – Changes approved in March 2017

Approved Schools - \$200 (formerly \$100)

Penalties for Late Entries and Reports

Schools–Not Submitting Officials Recommendations

\$50 (formerly \$25)

7. Fees Paid – *Changes Approved in March 2017*

Area Supervisor

Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling,

Baseball, Softball (per meeting)

- \$65 (formerly \$60)

Soccer

Regional & Quarter Finals

-Head Referee - \$60 (formerly \$55)

-Line Judges - \$60 (formerly \$55)

State Officials (3 per game) \$65 (formerly \$60)

Swimming & Diving

Starter - \$130 (formerly \$120)

Referee - \$130 (formerly \$120)

Diving Referee - \$120 (formerly \$110)

Track & Field

Regional

-Starter - \$190 (formerly \$185)

-Assistant Starter - \$65 (formerly \$60)

(Or two co-starters, each) - \$140 (formerly \$135)

State

-Starters - \$315 (formerly \$310)

-Referee - \$290 (formerly \$285)

-Field Events Ref - \$240 (formerly \$235)

-Assistant Referee - \$165 (formerly \$160)

-Jury of Appeals - \$85 (formerly \$80)

Interpreters (per meeting) - \$65 (formerly \$60)

ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Each year, the Kansas Association of Scholar's Bowl Coaches (KASBC), the Kansas Coaches Association (KCA), the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (KIAAA), the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA), and the Kansas Speech Communications Association (KSCA), survey their membership and develop proposals. These recommendations are tabled and published in the April Executive Board meeting minutes to allow member schools to discuss them and provide feedback. Final discussion and action on all recommendations is undertaken in the June meeting by the Executive Board.

Recommendations Adopted

The following recommendations, submitted by various advisory groups were approved by the Executive Board:

Football

1. (**Classes 6A & 5A Only**) Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/procedure for football (p. 12 in the football manual): Change the 21-point differential to 13 points maximum per game? (**KIAAA**)

Rationale

- *This would allow for there to be some tiebreak criteria for football due to the limited number of games played in the regular season, but also not make schools feel the need to score late in games in a manner that could be perceived as un-sportsman like.*

2. (**8-Man Only**) The same 48 team playoff bracket proposed for 3A and 2A be used for the 8-man Divisions starting with the fall of 2018. (**KCA**)

Rationale

- *We feel like this would fit our size and would allow for some of the better teams in districts that do not qualify under the current system to have a chance to advance under this format. Most coaches want to get the best teams into the playoffs and advance. This also gives a chance for some of the bottom teams in a district to play a competitive game in week nine to finish the season.*

Tennis

3. If one of the entries from a Regional qualifies for State and has pre-determined he/she will not participate at State, the remaining entries should be 'bumped up' to allow the bye to be at the last place or the 6 spot. (**KCA**)

Rationale

- *Bumping up the seeds will always reward the higher placed seeds from other Regionals, and these individuals deserve that reward more than a random, lucky entrant who happens to fall into the path of a higher seed unable to play.*

Volleyball

4. Change the schedule for pool play at the State Tournament: (**KCA**)

Rationale

- *A new format to give the top seeds in each pool a game on / game off pattern.*

Items Referred to Board of Director Meeting

The following recommendations, which were submitted by advisory groups, will be submitted for consideration at the next Board of Directors meeting:

None

Items Referred to Fall Regional Administrators and Board of Education Meetings

The following recommendations, which were submitted by advisory groups, will be submitted for consideration at the Fall Regional Administrators and Board of Education Meetings:

None

Recommendations Denied

The Executive Board voted to deny the following recommendations, which were submitted by various advisory groups, etc.:

Bowling

5. High school bowlers should be allowed to participate in regular youth leagues during the high school bowling season. (KCA)

Rationale

- As opposed to most other sports, bowling heavily relies on an outside source (bowling proprietors) for practice availability and competition.
- The closing of bowling centers throughout the state has caused some bowling centers to become overcrowded therefore making it difficult for schools to receive ample practice time.
- Proprietors are donating high amounts of money in lineage to our high school programs. This would be a way to allow them to recoup some of those costs.
- Youth bowling leagues are traditionally recreational leagues and would not be considered competitive as anyone who wants to join, can, as long as space is available.
- Youth bowling leagues are USBC sanctioned and follow the same rules as high school bowling is governed by.
- High school bowlers would be paying for their leagues and therefore paying for one-on-one coaching, which is allowed by KSHSAA rules.
- Other winter sports have at least two weeks prior to their first competition to practice and prepare their athletes. Some bowling programs only get a few days.
- In comparison to golf, which is the sport that bowling is closely related with, courses can send high school athletes off the front-nine and still send paying customers off the back-nine or vice versa. While bowling centers cannot use the lanes that high school teams are using for practice therefore limiting or removing any chance of potential income.

- Most bowling centers run fresh oil for their leagues, which would be close to actual competition conditions for a high school bowler. This would allow them to practice on those conditions when most centers don't oil for high school practice.

Cheerleading/Dance

6. Amend **Rule 48, Article 6(a)** in regards to competitive dance to add one word and read: Spirit competition groups attending in-state festivals, workshops, or clinics during the school year may be rated, "ranked" and receive oral and/or written critiques. (KIAAA)

Rationale

- KSHSAA beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, is allowing cheerleading to be ranked at an in-state competition. This proposal allows for dance to be ranked, not just cheerleading.

Cross Country

7. Any team that qualifies for state receives a plaque and those individuals that qualify not in top 10 receive a medal. (KCA)

Football

8. (**Classes 6A & 5A Only**) Should the KSHSAA change their procedure for gate distribution for Regionals, Section and Sub-State as currently listed in the Section VII of the football manual (7B) with regard to Ticket and Financial Report Information for Game Managers to read as follows: (KIAAA)

The host school receives 33%, travel school 20%, of the net receipts (gate receipts minus sales tax) **plus ad.** In addition the host school gets all concessions and program sales. Officials' fees are paid prior to balance being sent to KSHSAA.

Golf

9. High School golfers, male or female, be allowed to qualify for USGA Championship events during the competitive season, with prior approval from his or her Golf Coach & Athletic Director, for events taking place outside the KSHSAA defined season for boys & girls golf. Example: US Open Qualifying for men during the month of May. (KCA)

Rationale

- This would still fall under amateur status, but would allow those higher level golfers to be able to participate in a select few tournaments during the season.

Volleyball

10. (**Classes 6A & 5A Only**) Should the KSHSAA change the seeding format for 5A and 6A volleyball to the same 16-school format currently used in baseball and softball and has been adopted for basketball beginning in 2017-18? (KIAAA)

Rationale:

- Change the seeding procedure in 5A and 6A volleyball to a 16-team format. This will provide a better opportunity for the top 4 teams in each regional to advance to the state tournament. There would be four northeast regional tournaments and four central / south central regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament advances to the 5A or 6A state tournament.

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Northeast Region

Region 1 - #1 vs #16; #8 vs. #9

Winner advances to the state tournament

Region 2 - #2 vs. #15; #7 vs. #10

Winner advances to the state tournament

Region 3 - #3 vs. #14; #6 vs. #11

Winner advances to the state tournament

Region 4 - #4 vs. #13; #5 vs. #12

Winner advances to the state tournament

Central/South Central Region

Region 1 - #1 vs #16; #8 vs. #9

Winner advances to the state tournament

Region 2 - #2 vs. #15; #7 vs. #10

Winner advances to the state tournament

Region 3 - #3 vs. #14; #6 vs. #11

Winner advances to the state tournament

Region 4 - #4 vs. #13; #5 vs. #12

Winner advances to the state tournament

General

11. **(Class 4A Only)** Should the KSHSAA change their procedure for Class 4A postseason format, and adopt a format that is utilized in classes 6A and 5A in those activities that include the same number of schools. **(KIAAA)**

No Action Items

The Executive Board took no action on the following items, because it is existing policy or because no action is necessary.

Volleyball

12. Regardless of the possible changes in classification, the State Volleyball Tournament should be a two-day tournament. **(KCA)**

Rationale

- A two-day tournament allows for all classes to have pool play on day one with tournament play occurring on day two.

KSHSAA RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSALS ADOPTED

Mr. Musselman provided the Executive Board members with an update on the status of the two proposals to reclassify KSHSAA member schools beginning in 2018-19. Following the Board of Directors meeting on April 28th, a memo and the ballots were mailed to all member schools and the voting on the two proposals has now been completed. Under the requirements of KSHSAA Bylaw Article XII – Classification of Senior High Schools, both proposals were adopted by the member schools. Following discussion, the Executive Board voted to formally accept and verify the election results as presented by Mr. Musselman. The following news release was approved by the Executive Board and sent to all member schools via email. Additionally, the release will be posted on the KSHSAA website and was distributed to all media outlets registered with the KSHSAA.

The news release in its entirety follows on pages 7 - 10

REGIONAL GOLF ENTRY CARDS

Assistant Executive Director Jeremy Holaday presented the Executive Board with a request to change the due date for regional golf entry cards. Currently, entries are due on the Monday prior to the regional meet. With current technology being used, the information on these cards is now easier to submit in a timely manner. Mr. Holaday asked the Board to approve moving the due date to the Thursday before the regional meet. Following discussion, the Board approved the request to change the due date effective next year in both girls and boys golf. This information will be published in the 2017-18 KSHSAA Golf Manual.

BASKETBALL COACHING BOX EXPANDED TO 28 FEET

Assistant Executive Director Francine Martin reviewed changes made by the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee allowing state associations the option of adopting a 28 foot coaching box for basketball. In April, the NFHS announced that by state association adoption, the coaching box could be up to 28 feet in length allowing coaches to move in front of their benches and coach players the full length of their bench. In addition, the seating arrangement and walkways in some gyms make the 14 foot coaching box placement in an area of spectator traffic. During the discussion on the possible rule change the Executive Board expressed concern about coaching conduct and the enforcement of the coaching box. The Executive Board voted to approve the larger coaching box provided it is used appropriately and for the purpose of coaching as intended. An email to schools advising of this change was sent June 16, 2017 to help those schools refinishing their courts this summer.

PLAYING DATES CHANGED FOR BASKETBALL CLASS 6A & 5A SUB-STATE TOURNAMENTS

Ms. Martin presented Board members a recommendation on changing the playing dates for Class 6A & 5A basketball sub-state tournaments beginning next year. The proposed changes were previously shared with the Executive Board in April and were discussed with Class 6A and 5A athletic directors in March at the annual KIAAA conference.

The change in playing dates is based on increasing availability of officials by moving off of Thursday night when many of our officials have conflicts with college games. Also, with seeding of 16 teams, travel will increase and this provides for Thursday as an extra day for a makeup date and preparations for championship games. Following discussion, the Board approved the change in class 6A & 5A basketball sub-state format as follows:

Seed on the same Saturday as we currently do
Tuesday and Wednesday – Sub-State First round games
Thursday – Off day for preparation
Friday and Saturday – Sub-State Championship games



June 14, 2017
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KSHSAA Member Schools Vote in Favor of Both Classification Committee Proposals

TOPEKA, Kan. - In accordance with a memo and ballot mailed May 3, 2017, the voting on two proposals to reclassify KSHSAA member schools has now been completed. For the proposal to reclassify member schools in classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A in football, 215 schools voted in favor and 73 schools voted in opposition. For the proposal to reclassify member schools in all activities except football, 207 schools voted in favor and 145 schools voted in opposition.

Based on 288 member schools, the proposal to reclassify member schools in football classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A needed 145 votes to pass. That requirement has been met and the proposal has been adopted. Accordingly, the change to Classification of Senior High Schools Rule 5, Section 2, Article 1, and the change to Football (Boys) Rule 35, Section 2, Article 3 approved by the Board of Directors in April by a vote of 56-11, will become **effective with the September 2017 football classifications, for competition in the 2018-19 football cycle.**

Based on 352 member schools, the proposal to reclassify member schools in all activities except football needed 177 votes to pass. That requirement has been met and the proposal has been adopted. Accordingly, the change to Classification of Senior High Schools Rule 5, Section 2, Article 1, approved by the Board of Directors in April by a vote of 52-15, will become **effective with the September 2018 classifications, for competition in the 2018-19 school year.**

Voting results were as follows:

Football Classification
Yes = 215 No = 73 (No Votes = 36, Abstain = 37)

Class 4A
Yes = 48 No = 16 (No Votes = 13, Abstain = 3)

Class 3A
Yes = 52 No = 12 (No Votes = 8, Abstain = 4)

Class 2A
Yes = 51 No = 13 (No Votes = 7, Abstain = 6)

Class 1A
Yes = 64 No = 32 (No Votes = 8, Abstain = 24)

The Proposal was approved.

Annual Classification (All Activities Except Football)
Yes = 207 No = 145 (No Votes = 108, Abstain = 37)

Class 6A
Yes = 14 No = 18 (No Votes = 15, Abstain = 3)

Class 5A
Yes = 19 No = 13 (No Votes = 9, Abstain = 4)

Class 4A
Yes = 47 No = 17 (No Votes = 16, Abstain = 1)

Class 3A
Yes = 50 No = 14 (No Votes = 11, Abstain = 3)

Class 2A
Yes = 46 No = 18 (No Votes = 13, Abstain = 5)

Class 1A
Yes = 31 No = 65 (No Votes = 44, Abstain = 21)

The Proposal was approved.

KSHSAA Handbook Rule 5, Section 2, Article 1 and Rule 35, Section 2, Article 3 will be modified as follows:

Rule 5 CLASSIFICATION OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All member senior high schools shall be divided into six Classes—6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Class 6A shall include the ~~thirty-two (32)~~ thirty-six (36) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next ~~thirty-two (32)~~ thirty six (36); 4A the next ~~sixty-four (64)~~ thirty-six (36); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

FOOTBALL EXCEPTION: Classifications, for the purpose of determining district football assignments, shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth and eleventh grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment. (*Exception: See Note in Article 3 below for football classification procedure for USD #207 and USD #453.*)

For the purpose of district football, utilizing this exception, member schools will be classified as follows:

Class 6A: 32 largest member schools playing 11-Man football

Class 5A: 32 next largest member schools playing 11-Man football

Class 4A: ~~64- 32~~ next largest member schools playing 11-Man football ~~will be split equally into Division I & Division II~~

Class 3A: ~~64- 48~~ next largest member schools playing 11-Man football

Class 2A: 48 next largest member schools playing 11-Man football

Class 2-1A: All other member schools playing 11-Man football

8-Man: participating schools will be assigned to two separate Divisions, as established by the Executive Board

NOTE: For 8-Man district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 100 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. (*See Rule 35-2-3, Football.*)

Schools not requesting a football district assignment will have their position filled in each category by the next school moving up in enrollment.

Class 1A Exception: ~~Class 1A schools shall compete in two separate divisions in volleyball, basketball and scholars bowl for postseason and KSHSAA state championship competition.~~

~~Following annual classification and determination of schools assigned to Class 1A, the half of the schools with the larger enrollments will be assigned to Division I and the half with smaller enrollments will be assigned to Division II. If Class 1A has an odd number of schools, Division I will be assigned one more school than Division II.~~

Class 4A Exception: ~~Class 4A schools shall compete in two separate divisions for postseason and KSHSAA state championship competition in the following activities: football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball.~~

~~Following the annual classification and determination of schools assigned to Class 4A, the half of the schools with the larger enrollments will be assigned to Division I and the half of the schools with the smaller enrollment will be assigned to Division II. If Class 4A has an odd number of schools, Division I will be assigned one more school than Division II.~~

Rule 35
FOOTBALL (Boys)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 3: The Executive Board shall arrange for a district system of playoffs for four Classes (~~4A Div. I, 4A Div. II, 3A, 2A and 1A~~) in 11-Man, as well as for two championships in 8-Man football (two divisions). Classes 6A, ~~and 5A~~ and 4A will not be placed in districts. For 8-Man district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 100 students in grades 9, 10 and 11.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PROPOSED BY SPECIAL OLYMPICS KANSAS

Following their presentation at the April meeting, Special Olympics Kansas (SOKS) provided the KSHSAA a draft of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between their organization and the KSHSAA. SOKS seeks the assistance of the KSHSAA in promoting awareness of their Unified Sports Initiative in Kansas schools. Following discussion, the Executive Board directed Mr. Musselman to continue discussions with SOKS about the possibility of a limited partnership, but expressed reservations about the extent of involvement the KSHSAA should consider.

DAILY PER DIEM POLICY ADOPTED FOR POSTSEASON ATHLETIC OFFICIALS

During the 2016-17 school year, KSHSAA staff have been developing a proposal to pay postseason athletic officials a daily per diem meal allowance as opposed to actual expenses, which then have to be audited to determine if they are appropriate. The concept of a per diem method was vetted with the KSHSAA Officials Advisory Committee in June 2016 and they were supportive of the change. Based on the ability to budget more accurately and be more timely in processing payments to officials, the Executive Board unanimously approved adoption of a per diem meal payment to be implemented in the 2017-18 school year for all officials working KSHSAA postseason athletic contests and tournaments.

ARBITERPAY AGREEMENT APPROVED

Based on a very successful year of utilizing ArbiterPay electronic payroll for KSHSAA postseason official payments, the Executive Board approved entering into a three year agreement with Arbiter in which the KSHSAA will assist the company in bringing the program to attention of Kansas schools who are not currently aware of or using the program. Information about the advantages and benefits of ArbiterPay electronic payroll systems will be provided to Kansas schools and Arbiter personnel will assist any Kansas school seeking more information about implementing the program.

SMITTY OFFICIAL'S APPAREL

Following a presentation by staff, the Executive Board gave their approval for Mr. Musselman to move forward with the possibility of signing a non-exclusive agreement with Smitty Official's Apparel, LLC to become a vendor of official KSHSAA apparel for contest officials. Smitty Official's Apparel is a source for sublimated logo officiating shirts, jackets and baseball/softball hats with embroidered logos.

HEAT ACCLIMITIZATION DISCUSSION

The Executive Board discussed the action taken at the April 28th meeting of the Board of Directors defeating the proposal to change the start of football practice to SCW #6 to enable implementation of heat acclimatization rules more consistent with current best practices. Several Board members expressed the view that they felt it vital that the concerns for athlete safety as it pertains to heat acclimatization not be put aside. Board members felt many voting in opposition to the proposed rule changes in football were concerned by the move to SCW #6 and the fact that other sports were not being included in the proposal. Generally it was felt that most Board of Director members were very supportive of implementing new practices with regard to promoting the health and safety of participants.

To ensure a greater understanding of the views of the member schools, it was the decision of the Executive Board to direct Mr. Musselman to make this a discussion topic for the KSHSAA regional meetings next fall with the objective of developing a strategy to make the necessary rule changes next spring so they might be implemented by the fall of 2018.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting will be held:

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(Budget Hearing - 11:30 a.m.)

Gary Musselman
Executive Director



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